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SUBJECT: DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO: 1999 ANNUAL  
TERRORISM REPORT

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THE FOLLOWING RESPONSES ARE KEYED TO QUESTIONS IN PARAGRAPH 3  
OF REFTTEL (NOTE: OUR RECORDS ARE LIMITED AFTER THE EVACUATION  
IN 1998. END NOTE):

[1](#)A. THE ONLY TERRORIST EVENT IN 1999 WITH A CONGO CONNECTION  
WAS UGANDA'S BWINDI NATIONAL PARK HOSTAGE-TAKING AND MURDERS  
IN FEBRUARY/MARCH (ALLEGED GUERRILLAS KIDNAPPED US AND OTHER  
WESTERN TOURISTS IN UGANDA AND REPORTEDLY BROUGHT THEM TO  
CONGOLESE TERRITORY). THE GDRC IMMEDIATELY PLEDGED ITS FULL  
SUPPORT IN THE INVESTIGATION AND CONDEMNED THE ATTACK. IN  
THE END, LITTLE REAL ACTION WAS TAKEN SINCE THE ATTACKERS  
ESCAPED INTO REBEL-OCCUPIED TERRITORIES.

[1](#)B. THE GDRC DID NOT EXTRADITE SUSPECTED TERRORISTS IN 1999.

[1](#)C. IN GENERAL, THE DRC'S JUDICIAL SYSTEM IS NON-FUNCTIONING.  
THE COURT SYSTEM LACKS EVERYTHING FROM TRAINED JUDGES, TO  
LEGAL TEXTS, TO CHAIRS. A MILITARY TRIBUNAL HAS DISPENSED  
SWIFT AND ARBITRARY "JUSTICE" IN CIVILIAN CASES SINCE THE WAR  
BEGAN IN AUGUST, 1998.

[1](#)D. IN THE IMMEDIATE AFTERMATH OF THE BWINDI PARK INCIDENT,  
THE GDRC OFFERED THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE INVESTIGATION AND MADE  
PUBLIC STATEMENTS CONDEMNING THE ATTACK.

[1](#)E. THERE WERE NO MAJOR PUBLIC COUNTERTERRORISM EFFORTS TAKEN  
BY THE GDRC IN 1999.

[1](#)F. THE GDRC DOES NOT SUPPORT INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM.

[1](#)G. THE GDRC MAINTAINS RELATIONS WITH SEVERAL NATIONS  
DESIGNATED AS SPONSORS OF TERRORISM, INCLUDING CUBA, IRAN,  
LIBYA, NORTH KOREA, AND SUDAN. DURING 1999, PRESIDENT KABILA  
MADE SEVERAL TRIPS TO LIBYA. LIBYANS, IRANIANS, NORTH  
KOREANS AND SUDANESE ARE PRESENT IN THE DRC. IT IS UNCLEAR  
HOW MUCH "SUPPORT" THE GDRC GIVES THESE COUNTRIES, BUT THEY  
HAVE ALL OFFERED ASSISTANCE TO THE GDRC.

[1](#)H. THERE WERE NO CHANGES IN THE GDRC'S ATTITUDE TOWARD  
INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM IN 1999.

[1](#)I. GDRC FAILED TO PROVIDE PROMISED INCREASED EMBASSY  
SECURITY DURING THE PERIOD OF HEIGHTENED PRECAUTIONS  
SURROUNDING THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE EMBASSY BOMBINGS AUGUST 7,  
[1](#)1999.

[1](#)J. NONE THAT WE KNOW OF.

[1](#)1. N/A.

[1](#)2. NONE THAT WE KNOW OF.

[1](#)K. NONE THAT WE KNOW OF.

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